

YDL- MICHIGAN: BACK ON THE BLOCK!

We know our Michigan Avenue library has been greatly missed since last summer’s flood, and we’ve certainly missed our downtown patrons. We are very excited to announce reopening is scheduled for early August!

Construction work is proceeding, with restoration of the building’s floors, walls, and ceilings; replacement of furniture, window treatments, and other casualties of the flood; and the addition of some great new features. Many of the improvements will make the building more comfortable and user-friendly, as well as making it feel fresh and new.

New meeting spaces will be available on the main floor, with a comfortable lounge area for visitors who wish to work on their laptops. Public computers will be spaced farther apart to provide more privacy and comfort; they’ll also be located closer to the reference desk for quicker staff assistance. Services such as holds, self-checkout, and copying/scanning/printing will be consolidated for your convenience. Downstairs, a nature-based color palette and an open, flexible, floor plan will create a calm and adaptable environment for our families and youth. While it’s been a long downtime, these improvements will make the Michigan Avenue branch more welcoming and its services easier to use.

We’re celebrating our reopening with two back-to-back events! On Friday, August 2, from 5–8pm, we will welcome our teens back with **Noise Permit: By teens, for teens** in the Library Plaza. For many years, YDL-Michigan hosted this teen showcase of performance art, visual art, and entrepreneurship, funded by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. It’s been on hiatus since the COVID pandemic, but in partnership with Ozone House and Parkridge, this year we’re once again able to highlight outstanding teen talent.



Saturday, August 3, from 11am–4pm, don’t miss the **Back on the Block Celebration!** This open house/welcome back party will feature a ribbon cutting and activities geared toward families in the morning, followed by entertainment for all ages in the afternoon. Come for fun, music, light refreshments, and to check out the new and

improved library space. YDL-Michigan staff are excited to welcome you back by providing excellent service in an improved facility.

Thank you for your patience as we worked to turn a true calamity into a beautiful new beginning. We can’t wait to reopen and serve you!

Celebrate the reopening of the Michigan Avenue branch!

**Saturday, Aug. 3 | 11am - 4pm
at YDL-Michigan and YDL-Michigan Plaza**

**Come for fun, music, light refreshments, and to
check out the new and improved library space
at YDL-Michigan!**



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SUMMER CHALLENGE



This year YDL's Summer Challenge will kick off with county fair flair! On June 15 from 2–4pm at the Whittaker branch, YDL will offer a petting zoo, live music, a cake decorating contest, a bounce house, STEM inspired carnival booths, prizes, and more.

From June 15–August 25, enjoy STEM activities (courtesy of a renewed \$30,000 grant from Toyota), Youth Arts Alliance workshops, a fairy door scavenger hunt, and more. You can even ride the bus—courtesy of TheRide—for free on the weekends. The Summer Challenge encourages everyone to read and explore what's happening in our area by offering prizes for reading and participating in library and community activities throughout the summer.

Each digital badge grants you one entry for the grand prize drawing, and kids and teens get to pick a prize out of a treasure box every time they earn 10 badges. Every week there will be a prize drawing for kids and teens who earn a badge during the week.

In 2023, over 2,400 people signed up for the challenge. Those participants read more than 40,000 books (almost twice as many as in 2022) and completed over 3,400 learning challenges!

More than half of the participants completed 10 challenges or more.

As always, thank you to the generous sponsors who help YDL reward this hard work! Kids and teens get a free day pass to swim at Rutherford Pool just for signing up. Thanks to a generous donation from Domino's, kids and teens also receive a free book. Adults get a bookmark to color or a color-changing cup, and everyone who earns at least 10 digital badges gets an Aubree's gift card. Find a full list of sponsors at ypsilibrary.org/summer.

HOW TO PLAY

- 1 Reactivate your account—or create a new one if you haven't played before—by visiting ypsilibrary.org/summer. Once you've signed up, visit any YDL branch to pick up your first prize.
- 2 Log activities between June 15 and August 25. Earn a digital badge every time you read a book, complete a challenge, or attend a library program.
- 3 Win prizes! Every badge gives you a chance to win the grand prize of your choice, and you can collect additional prizes for every 10 badges you earn.

Summer is here and so are free, nutritious meals for kids and teens!

Lunch, Listen & Learn is back at YDL! As part of the state's Meet Up & Eat Up program, starting June 17, you can find lunch, stories, and activities at the library every Monday–Friday throughout the summer. See below for the schedule as well as other opportunities for meal assistance:

- DAILY, MON-FRI (AGES 18 & UNDER):**
- **YDL-Whittaker:** 1–2pm (thru Aug. 2)
 - **YDL-Superior:** 12:30–1:30pm (thru Aug. 16)
 - **YDL-Michigan:** 12–1pm (Aug. 5–16 only)

Food Gatherers Summer Food Service Program – Food Gatherers will provide eat-and-play meals, grab-and-go meal packs, and mini-grocery distributions at select locations. Visit FoodGatherers.org/Summer for details.

School nutrition programs – Ypsilanti Community Schools and Lincoln Consolidated Schools provide free meals at select locations during the summer. Visit yoschools.us or lincolnk12.org for more information.

Summer EBT – This new federal program provides \$120 in food benefits for each eligible child. Children from low-income families or families that already participate in SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid are eligible. Contact your school district for more information.



WHAT DOES “FREEDOM FOR ALL” LOOK LIKE?

Join YDL at Ypsilanti's Juneteenth celebration and decorate your own puzzle piece to show us what “Freedom for All” looks like to you.

The Bookmobile will be on hand on June 22 as part of the annual Juneteenth festivities in downtown Ypsilanti, which will take place June 21-23 in the parking lot behind Puffer Reds (off of South Huron). Stop by to pick up a puzzle piece to decorate, and return it to YDL to be included in a special display across all YDL branches.

The Bookmobile will be among dozens of vendors offering swag and activities throughout the day. Featured musical acts on June 22 include Kid Jay, Nikki Gio, Weebone Entertainment, Larry Lee & the Back in the Day Band, and guest headliner Dwele. Stop by to hear from powerful speakers and enjoy food trucks all weekend long. Get more information about the scheduled events at bit.ly/YpsilantiJUNETEENTHCelebration.



Join YDL's Bookmobile in Ypsilanti's 4th of July parade

TIME: 11am on Thursday, July 4
The Bookmobile and YDL's Ford Explorer will participate in Ypsilanti's 4th of July Parade. Meet us on Cross Street near Oakwood between 10:30 and 10:45am to walk with us (you're encouraged to decorate your own bike or scooter).





Representatives from the Youth Arts Alliance, Barnes & Thornburg, and YDL pose with a \$50,000 donation check from Barnes & Thornburg to help fund the program.

SUMMER OF HeART



Get ready to express, create, and make this summer! YDL is collaborating with Youth Arts Alliance (YAA) for the first-ever Summer of HeART. School-aged children visiting YDL-Superior will experience eight weeks of connection, dialogue, and empathy through arts and STEM workshops.

Beginning Friday, June 21, YAA will offer free programming alongside community partners every Wednesday–Friday afternoon from 2–5pm, following Lunch, Listen & Learn (see Page 2). Summer of HeART continues through August 16 (no programming July 3–5) culminating with a special celebration Saturday, August 17 from 2–5pm.

Youth can join any Summer of HeART workshop. All materials and supplies will be provided.

Participants in Summer of HeART will:

- Use their minds, bodies, and imaginations to tell stories in improv, performance, and comedy workshops led by YAA Teaching Artists Dana Pittman and Josh McDaniel.
- Make sculptures, experiment with print-making, and make their own paper, ceramic pots, and paper mache with YAA Teaching Artist Anna Schwartz.

- Explore and develop their own original songs and music in music workshops with YAA Teaching Artist Kyle Love.
- Learn the basic techniques for Congolese hand drumming along with songs, accompanying instrumentation and cultural and modern Congolese dance with members of the Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater Company every Friday afternoon.
- Investigate the world around them in a series of Science Savvy Kids Club workshops led by Tamara Tucker-Ibarisha from 3–5pm the following Thursdays:
 - » **June 27:** Human Body Boot Camp: Explorations in Anatomy and Physiology
 - » **July 25:** All Creatures Great and Small: Investigations in Organismal Biology
 - » **August 15:** Potions and Poisons: Fun with Liquid Science and Chemistry

YAA has provided young people with high-quality, healing-centered arts programming for over a decade. To read more about YAA and Summer of HeART, see youthartsalliance.org.

Summer of HeART is made possible in part by the United Way of Southeast Michigan, the Barnes & Thornburg Racial and Social Justice Foundation, University of Michigan Center for World Performance Studies, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Washtenaw County.

NOISE PERMIT RETURNS

For the first time since 2020, the Noise Permit concert is back!

From June 17–August 31, teens are invited to attend workshops twice a week to celebrate music, arts, and culture in our teen community (see Page 5). These workshops will culminate with a special concert on August 2, where teens can perform onstage for the community. The concert—held from 5–8pm in Michigan Avenue’s Library Plaza—has been on hiatus since the pandemic.

“Prior to 2020, Noise Permit was a summer staple for Ypsilanti teens and has been a wonderful partnership between the library and Ozone House,” said YDL Teen Librarian Kelly Scott. “We are so excited to bring the concert back to the community, to showcase the amount of talent our teens have, and to celebrate their voices and what is important to them.”

This year, the workshops will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30–6pm at the Parkridge Community Center. Kam Reynolds, your friendly neighborhood comic book artist and rapper (aka ‘Kool Ade Kam’), will lead the Monday sessions, and Dante Dorsey, founder of Music Means More, will lead on Wednesdays.

The Noise Permit Series is presented in partnership with the Ozone House Drop-In Center and the Parkridge Community Center. This year, it was supported in part by an award from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the True Community Credit Union, and a generous donation from Brian Steimel.

If you have questions or would like to participate, email Kelly at kscott@ypsilibrary.org.



CONTINUING TO CANVAS THE WALLS AT SUPERIOR

Ready to see more art on the walls of the Superior branch?

YDL unveiled four new pieces of art earlier this year, and it’s time for new submissions! Once again, we’re looking for art that fits the space, depicts our community and its culture, and tells its stories.

YDL hopes to purchase three pieces during this cycle. They will be placed at the Superior branch to the right of the main inside entrance and in each of the two study rooms. If you have a piece to submit or know a community member who might be interested, visit ypsilibrary.org/calltoartists.



YDL is accepting submissions through September 6 and will notify artists who are selected by October 25.

Each artist whose work is selected for purchase is invited to host an art workshop and attend a Meet the Artist reception to talk about their work.

Earl Jackson, whose painting *The Lily Pond* is on display in the Superior branch children’s area, will be on hand for a Meet the Artists reception at 7pm on June 20. Prior to the reception, he’ll host a workshop on “Painting with Imagination and Memory” from 3–5pm (see Page 4 for details).

Additionally, Ann Arbor-based artist Julia Lubas painted a mural for the meeting room’s kitchen area. Lubas, who also created a mural at Go! Ice Cream, finished the work in late May. The mural includes a combination of themes from nature and a representation of images from YDL’s 2022 Book Brigade.

EVENTS

Adult

Jun 1

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

11am–12pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Don't miss your chance to learn about bird photography from photographer Ryan Henyard. Capture the beauty of the feathered flying friends you've been tracking during Black Birders Week.



Jun 1

RARE BIRDS FLOCKING TOGETHER AT NORTH BAY PARK

12:30–2pm | [North Bay Park](#)

We're wrapping up Black Birders Week with a walk in the park led by the Washtenaw Bird & Nature Alliance. We will meet at 12:30pm at the North Bay Park entrance.

Jun 2

CONTAINER GARDENING FOR HUMMINGBIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

2–4pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn how to use container gardening to attract hummingbirds and butterflies from Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck.

Wednesdays, Jun 5–Aug 28

DEPOT TOWN COMEDY OPEN MIC

7:30–10:30 PM | [734 Brewing Company](#)

The Depot Town Comedy Open Mic is the newest and funniest way to spend your Wednesday nights! This free comedy show is an inclusive, welcoming comedy space intended to elevate comedic voices from marginalized communities. Local Ypsi comic Lisa Green is the resident Emcee and Host.

Jun 5; Jul 10

CLASSIC COMEDY/MYSTERY/CRIME MOVIES

6–8:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Watch some of the best Classic Comedy/Mystery/Crime hybrid movies ever made. Showtimes at 6:30.

Jun 5: *A Slight Case of Murder* (1938) directed by Lloyd Bacon

Jul 10: *Gambit* (1966) directed by Ronald Neame

Jun 7

YPSI PRIDE 2024

5–10pm | [Depot Town](#)

YDL's Outreach team will be on hand at this annual festival celebrating the community's LGBTQ+ culture and individuals. Attendees can expect drag, burlesque, and theater performances, queer-owned vendors from the nearby area, organizations with track records of supporting the community, family-friendly activities, and interactive art spaces.

Jun 12; Jul 10; Aug 14

MICHIGAN WORKS! SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY OUTREACH

11am–1pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Come visit MICHIGAN WORKS! at the library. A representative will be on hand to answer your questions and provide information and assistance on job leads, employment, job fairs, and career guidance.

Jun 15; Jul 10; Aug 10

WRITERS ROOM & DROP-IN CONSULTING

Jun 15: 11am–12:30pm | [YDL Whittaker](#)

Jul 10: 6:30–8pm | [Virtual](#)

Aug 10: 11am–12:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Join other writers for open writing time. Bring a work in progress or get prompts for inspiration. Trained volunteers from YpsiWrites will provide one-to-one writing support. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jun 17

FAMILY TREE MAKER DEMONSTRATION

3–5pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Make your genealogy charting easier! Learn about the newest version of Family Tree Maker 2024. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jun 17

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM - PRIMARY ELECTION

7–9pm | [Ypsilanti Freighthouse](#)

YDL and the LWV will be holding a candidates forum where residents can ask questions and learn about the political positions of the candidates running for city council in Ward 3 in the August primary election: Amber Fellows and Evan Sweet. This forum will be in person and livestreamed. Visit ypsilibrary.org/events for information about how to submit questions.

Jun 20

PAINTING WITH IMAGINATION AND MEMORY

3–5pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Create a painting with Earl Jackson, the artist who created the newly-installed piece *The Lily Pond* in the YDL-Superior youth area. Explore painting techniques with acrylic paints on canvas. For ages 8 and up. All skill levels welcome.

Jun 20

MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION WITH EARL JACKSON

7–8:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Meet Earl Jackson, the artist behind *The Lily Pond* in the Superior branch youth area. Jackson also has several works on display at the Whittaker branch. Enjoy light refreshments and participate in a Q&A facilitated by Jen Eastridge.

Jun 27; Jul 25; Aug 22

GARDEN QUESTIONS? ASK THE MASTER GARDENER!

5–7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

How does your garden grow? Not as well as you hoped? Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck will be in our lobby (or at a table outside, weather permitting) to answer your questions about flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, pest control, and more!

Jun 29

SOCIAL MEDIA 101

11am–12:15pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Learn how to maintain an authentic and safe social media presence by gaining insight into how the popular sites work.

Jun 29

3D PRINTER PALOOZA

1:30–4:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

See what 3D printers can do and how they do it. Bring your own 3d printer and show off what you're doing with it!

Jun 29; Jul 6

WHAT IS A DOULA?

June 29, 11am–12:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Jul 6, 11am–12:30pm | [YDL Superior](#)

Join Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support to learn about what doulas do and how they can benefit you. Childcare available.



Jul 13; Aug 19 & 21

BIRTHING BASICS

Jul 13, 11am–12:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Aug 19, 6–7:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Aug 21, 6–7:30pm | [YDL Superior](#)

Join Wrapped in Love Doula & Lactation Support to guide you through what to expect as you welcome your new baby. Childcare available.

Jul 13

INTRO TO NEEDLE FELTING: FLOWERS

2–4pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Gain a basic understanding of needle felting by making colorful needle-felted flowers. Space limited. Register online or call 482-4110 x2431.

Jul 13

SENIOR ADULTS: LIVING WELL HEALTH FAIR

10am–12pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Seniors: Join YDL, the Washtenaw County Health Department, and many other organizations for a day of health education and resource sharing. Check ypsilibrary.org/events for an updated list of participating organizations.

Jul 17

COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE HAS DEMENTIA

5–7pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. To register, call 800-272-3900 or email helplinegmc@alz.org.

Jul 21

EXTEND YOUR HARVEST

2–4pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn what you can do in your garden now to extend your harvest into the fall.

Aug 3

BACK ON THE BLOCK CELEBRATION!

11am–4pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Come for fun, music, light refreshments, and to check out the new and improved library space at YDL-Michigan! See Page 1 for more details.

Aug 5

EBOOKS, MOVIES & MORE: YDL ONLINE RESOURCES

6:30–7:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Learn more about YDL's website and all that it has to offer, including YDL's streaming services.



Aug 7

BOTANICAL SUN PRINTS ON FABRIC - CYANOTYPES

6–7:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Use sun-reactive fabric to make a cyanotype print. We'll collect leaves and other foliage from outside the library and lay them on the fabric. After the exposure time, we'll wash it for permanence. [Register at ypsilibrary.org/events](https://ypsilibrary.org/events).



Aug 10

CHECK IT OUT! LIBRARY OF THINGS GAMES EDITION!

2:30–4:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Join us at Michigan Avenue for a mix of outdoor lawn games, indoor board games, card games, and table-top RPG games as we end the YDL Summer Challenge!

Aug 16

TRANSCRIBE THE ARCHIVES: JENNIE D'OOGES' YPSILANTI

5:45–8pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Learn about transcription and read some century-old Ypsilanti gossip! Jennie (Pease) D'Ooge, born in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1857, married Michigan State Normal College Latin Professor Benjamin D'Ooge in 1885, and she kept a daily journal from 1886–1934. Using Jennie's journals, participants will get tips from professional transcribers on reading older documents, interpreting cursive handwriting, and best practices for handling materials taped or glued into journals or diaries. EMU undergrads are eligible to receive LBC L3A credit for attending.

Aug 18

FALL GARDENING TIPS

2–4pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join Advanced Master Gardener Carol Brodbeck for tips on what you can do with your garden this fall.



Aug 24

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

10am–1pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Free paper shredding for residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Funded in part by a Washtenaw County Waste Reduction Sponsorship. Note: This event may end earlier if the truck fills up! Visit ypsilibrary.org/events for full details and restrictions.

Aug 24

13TH ANNUAL PARKRIDGE SUMMERFEST AND JOE DULIN COMMUNITY DAY!

11am–6pm | [Parkridge Park](#)

Come for a day filled with music, activities, food, and fun! There will be a variety of activities for people of all ages and merchandise vendors. From 11:30am–2:30pm, local health and community organizations will share information at tables under several resource tents. Visit facebook.com/celebratingourcommunity for the latest updates.

Aug 29

END OF SUMMER ALL AGES CLOTHING SWAP

5:30–7:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Looking for cool new threads? Join us for an end of summer clothing swap. All ages and sizes are welcome. Registration is encouraged for those bringing clothing. Questions? Contact Shoshanna (shoshanna@ypsilibrary.org) or Madelynne (mrivenbark@ypsilibrary.org).



Adult Meetups

Saturdays, Jun 1 & 15; Jul 13 & 27; Aug 10 & 24

YDL GUITAR CLUB

10am–12pm

Bring your acoustic or electric guitar, pick a favorite simple song you want to share, and let's practice some tunes together!

YDL-Superior: Jun 1, Jul 13, Jul 27

YDL-Whittaker: Jun 15

YDL-Michigan: Aug 10, Aug 24

Mondays, Jun 3–Aug 26

MAHJONG MEETUP

1–3pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Join our weekly Mahjong group! Bring yourself and a friend or two. American and Chinese-style sets provided, or you're welcome to bring your own.

Tuesdays, Jun 4–Aug 20

ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING

4–5:30pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Washtenaw Literacy presents English as a Second Language (ESL) community tutoring. Free and open to the public. No registration is required. All levels of English are welcome. Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time for each group.

Tuesdays, Jun 4–Aug 27

MEDITATION WITH EASE

6–7pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Meditation has many benefits for our health and well-being. Drop in for simple, guided, non-religious practices in the company of friends you may not have met yet!



Tuesdays, Jun 4–Aug 27

KNITTING PLUS

6–8:30pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Meet with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas every Tuesday. Open to all, any handcraft welcome!

Jun 4; Jul 2; Aug 6

GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY BUNCH

7–8pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Come meet in this new informal group for those interested in genealogy and family history.

Jun 5 & 12
ESL BOOK CLUB
11am–12:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
For intermediate to advanced readers. Read one book per season, talking and learning about the language, grammar, and cultural aspects of the book. Members will be expected to read approximately 45 pages in advance of each session. To register, contact Washtenaw Literacy at (734) 337-3338.

Wednesdays, Jun 5–Aug 21
BASIC LITERACY COMMUNITY TUTORING
4–5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Washtenaw Literacy is offering free drop-in tutoring for adults! Get help with reading, writing, computer skills, work skills, and GED prep. *No meetings Jun 19 or Jul 3.

Jun 6
THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
10:30am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
In June, read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Questions? Contact Paula at drummond@ypsilibrary.org.

Jun 6, 13 & 20
LNGO FITNESS WITH GERALDINE POWELL
12–1pm | Virtual
This is a general gentle fitness class that covers overall body health and well-being. It will demonstrate multiple styles of exercises (dance, aerobic, etc) with different types of modifications. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events for the Zoom link.

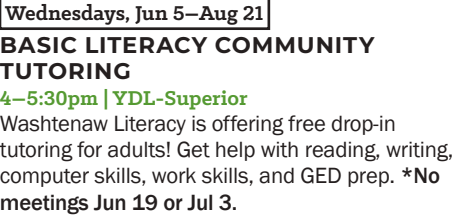
Jun 7
CHAIR YOGA (For all levels)
10:30–11:30am | YDL-Superior
We'll use slow, mindful movements to support brain health, muscle strength, balance, and flexibility. This class is done both seated and standing alongside the chair.

Jun 7 & 21; Jul 5 & 19; Aug 9 & 23
FRIDAY WALKING CLUB (55+)
10:30–11:30am | YDL-Whittaker
Exercise and socialize with a 30-minute walk along a path near the Whittaker Road Library. Questions? Call (734) 482-4110 x2411.

Jun 10; Jul 8; Aug 12
DOWNTOWN QUEER CRAFTING GROUP (Ages 18+)
Jun 10 & Jul 8 | 6–8pm | Riverside Arts Center
Aug 12 | 6–8pm | YDL-Michigan
Connect over a mutual love of crafting and creating during a drop-in, bring-your-own materials crafting group. Folks of the LGBTQIA+ community can bring projects to work on. Contact Librarian Aaron Smith at asmith@ypsilibrary.org or 734-482-4110 x1335 for more information.

Wednesdays, Jun 12–Jul 24
LNGO TAI CHI WITH DARRYL MICKENS
10–11am | YDL-Whittaker
Tai Chi is a practice that involves a series of slow, gentle movements and physical postures, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jun 14; Jul 12; Aug 9
LNGO CRAFTERNOONS (Ages 55+)
2:30pm–4:30pm | See below
Work on a project where the goals are to engage your mind, connect with others, and build new brain pathways. All materials will be provided. Register for each session at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Jun 14 | YDL-Superior: Painted CD Mandala Suncatcher
Jul 12 | Glaze Studios: Visit to Glaze Studios
Aug 9 | YDL-Michigan: Indigo-dyed Pashmina scarves



Jun 17; Jul 15; Aug 19
SEW SOCIAL: A CRAFTING CLUB
7–8pm | YDL-Superior
Bring your latest project and meet with crafters that share an enjoyment of needlework. Whether you cross-stitch or embroider, get inspired, share project ideas, seek advice, and work on your projects.

Jun 19; Jul 24; Aug 14
LET'S LEARN CROCHET!
6–8pm | YDL-Whittaker
Let's meet and crochet! Learn the basics, work on a project, get ideas for a new project, or learn more advanced stitches. Feel free to bring your own hooks and yarn. Adults only. Contact Robert at 734-482-4110 x1353 or neil@ypsilibrary.org with questions.

Jun 20; Jul 18; Aug 15
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD (Ages 55+)
1–2pm | YDL-Whittaker
Seniors: Join us each month as we work to represent and give voice to the needs of older adults at the library.

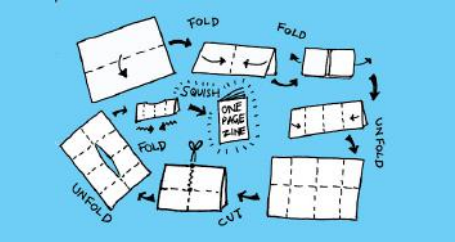
Jun 20; Jul 18; Aug 15
ADULT QUEER BOOK GROUP
6:30–8pm | YDL-Whittaker
Read and discuss literature written by queer-identifying writers with diverse backgrounds. Books are available for pickup one month in advance of the group meeting. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.
Jun 20: *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin
Jul 18: *Frankissstein* by Jeanette Winterson
Aug 15: *I Know You Know Who I Am* by Peter Kispert



Jun 24; Aug 26
TEEN & ADULT BANNED BOOK CLUB (Ages 16+)
6:30–8pm | YDL-Superior
Read, discuss, and celebrate stories that have sparked controversy and inspired change. Registration is required.
Jun 24: *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
Aug 26: *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

Jun 25; Jul 30; Aug 27
VIRTUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
7–9pm | Virtual
Join us for lively discussions of books by African American authors.
Jun 25: *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation* by Anna Malaika Tubbs
Jul 30: *Let Love Have the Last Word: a memoir* by Common
Aug 27: *Lazaretto* by Diane McKinney Whetstone

Jun 27; Jul 25; Aug 8
YPSILANTI ZINE CLUB
6–8pm | YDL-Whittaker*
A space to work on zines together, share techniques and ideas, and make zine friends. Basic art materials provided. Find out how you can contribute your own zine to YDL's growing zine collection! *The August 8 meeting will be at Michigan Avenue!



Jun 29; Jul 27; Aug 24
SENIOR GAME TIME AT YPSILANTI FARMER'S MARKET
9am–1pm | Ypsi Farmer's Market
Join us at the market for our senior game time! Each month we'll play a new game or puzzle and have lots of library resources available.

Jul 9
SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB
7–8pm | YDL-Whittaker
Join us every other month for this adult discussion group for fans of science fiction books. In July, read *babel-17* by Samuel R. Delaney. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events. Questions? Contact Marianne at vandenbergen@ypsilibrary.org.

Jul 27
SILENT BOOK CLUB
10am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker
Come to a book club with no homework! Read what you want and enjoy talking with fellow readers. Contact Paula Drummond at drummond@ypsilibrary.org or 734-482-4110 x1306. Register at ypsilibrary.org/events.

Jul 31
NEW ADVANCEMENTS IN ALZHEIMER'S TREATMENT SPONSORED BY THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
5–7pm | YDL-Whittaker
Discuss FDA-approved treatments for Alzheimer's disease; the impact of anti-amyloid treatments on the brain, and their potential benefits and side effects; and the pathways to access treatment. To register for this workshop, call 800-272-3900 or email helplinegmc@alz.org.

Teens

Jun 18
WONDER MEDIA SERVICE PROJECT (Grades 6–12)
3–5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Help test a breakout room game and Wonder Media online games, designed to help students evaluate social media posts and online news articles for accuracy. Earn volunteer credit! We'll play games and give feedback to help improve the games. Snacks provided!

Jun 28
SUMMER PARTY TEEN AFTER HOURS
6–9pm | YDL-Whittaker
Celebrate summer with NERF Mobile Games and other lawn games. We'll have picnic food, an ice cream bar, and prizes. Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn and relax with friends while you eat.

Jul 11
RABBIT ENRICHMENT SERVICE PROJECT
4–5pm | YDL-Whittaker
Help make enrichment toys for the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. Earn service hours, help rabbits!

Jul 16
MAKE MACARONS (Ages 12–18)
3:30–4:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Learn to make macarons in a variety of colors and flavors! Take home what you make.

Jul 27
LANDSCAPE PAINT-ALONG (Ages 10–18)
2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker
Tweens and teens, meet in the garden and learn to paint landscapes. Learn about color mixing, observation, and perspective in a relaxed setting. All supplies provided.

Aug 2
NOISE PERMIT CONCERT
5–8pm | YDL-Michigan
In partnership with the Ozone House Drop-In Center, YDL invites all teens to attend and perform at our summer Noise Permit Concert to celebrate music, arts, and culture in our teen community. To be involved, please contact Kelly: kscott@ypsilibrary.org. *This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the True Community Credit Union, and a generous donation from Brian Steimel.

Teen Meetups

Jun 11 & 25; Jul 9 & 23; Aug 13 & 27
TAG - TEEN ADVISORY GROUP
4:30–5:30pm | YDL-Whittaker
Looking for ways to help the community and earn volunteer hours? Join TAG and meet twice each month to help the library best serve Ypsi teens. Apply at ypsilibrary.org/tag. *TAG groups won't meet at Michigan Avenue or Superior for the summer.

Mondays, Jun 17 - Jul 29; Wednesdays Jun 19 - Jul 31
NOISE PERMIT WORKSHOPS
4:30–6pm | Parkridge Community Center
In partnership with the Ozone House Drop-In Center and the Parkridge Community Center, the YDL's summer Noise Permit workshops return! Celebrate music, arts, and culture in our teen community. These workshops will be led by Kam Reynolds, your friendly neighborhood comic book artist and rapper, aka 'Kool Ade Kam', on Mondays and Dante Dorsey, founder of Music Means More, on Wednesdays. Teens can perform their songs, poems, spoken-word, and any other type of performance live on-stage in the YDL Mich Ave plaza at our annual Teen Noise Permit Concert. Questions? Email Kelly at kscott@ypsilibrary.org. *This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the True Community Credit Union and a generous donation from Brian Steimel.

Jul 2 & 16
TEEN GREAT STORIES BOOK CLUB
3–4pm | SPARK East
Explore questions of race, equity, identity, and history, get free books, and enjoy a gift card raffle. Read books that were selected to inspire young people—especially those facing difficult circumstances or challenges—to consider "big questions" about the world around them and their place in it. Questions? Email Kelly at kscott@ypsilibrary.org.

Kids & Parents

Jun 8
SUPERIOR DAY
11am–2pm | Oakbrook Park
Play games, enjoy a petting farm, get free books and face painting, see library staff, and have lunch! You'll also learn more about the Superior Township recycling program.

Jun 8
I JUST WANT TO BE INCLUDED
3–4pm | YDL-Superior
Meet the authors of the newly-published picture book, *I Just Want To Be Included*, a book looking at gender identity through a different lens. Hear from the authors about the process of writing the book, and discuss how to support others as they navigate different social settings.

Mondays Jun 10–24
EXPLORING 3D PRINTING - WITH "LEO THE MAKER PRINCE"
4–5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Follow the story of Leo the Maker Prince while learning the basics of 3d printing and using the library's new 3D printers. For ages 6–8. Materials are limited. Email Joy at joy@ypsilibrary.org to register your kiddo.

Jun 13 & 27; Jul 11 & 25; Aug 8 & 22
READ TO MOON THE LIBRARY DOG
5:30–7:30pm | Jun & Jul | YDL-Whittaker
5:30–7:30 pm | Aug 8 & 12 | YDL-Michigan
Reading to a Therapaws dog helps children develop confidence and become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot with Moon. Registration required. Email mitchell@ypsilibrary.org.

Jun 13
SUMMER FOOD KICKOFF
6–7:30pm | YDL-Superior
Join Food Gatherers for a free family meal to kick off the Summer Food Service Program. Play outdoor games and get a COVID-19 vaccination with the Washtenaw County Health Department.

Jun 15
BIKE RODEO
9am–12pm | 799 N Hewitt Rd, Ypsilanti
Ensure a safe start to your summer by learning the rules of the road from bike officers. Practice your skills on an obstacle course at the George Gervin GameAbove Center. Get free helmets and helmet fittings, free mechanical checks, free food, giveaways, and more!

Jun 15
SUMMER CHALLENGE KICKOFF PARTY
2–4pm | YDL-Whittaker
Kick off summer at the library's fair! Pet farm animals, jump in the bounce house, play carnival games, and move with Bia Bichini Congo Dance Theater Company. Prizes and a cake decorating contest too! (See Page 2).



Jun 22
YPSILANTI JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
11am–4pm | DOWNTOWN Ypsilanti
The Bookmobile will participate in the Juneteenth celebration alongside many other great community organizations. See Page 2 for details.

Jun 22
ANNUAL KITE & ROCKET DAY
11am–2pm | Fireman's Park
Build and fly kits and air rocket launchers. Lunch provided. Rain date will be July 3.

Jun 27; Jul 18; Aug 15
READ TO HUGO
4:30–5:30pm | YDL-Superior
Reading to a Therapaws dog helps children build confidence and become better readers. Sign up for a 10-minute slot to read to Hugo the Library Dog.

Jul 2

FAMILY YOGA TIME

2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Yoga is fun for kids and families! Local yoga instructor Tammy Foote will incorporate movement, yoga poses, physical creativity, and stories to help kids increase their focus, strength, and balance.

Jul 13

MOVIES ON THE GREEN

8pm | Dixboro Village Green

Playground games starting at 8pm with a current family-friendly movie on a 20' screen starting at 9:30pm. Bring your own blankets, snacks, and coolers.

Jul 20

HeAT LAB: HOW DOES HEAT AFFECT CHOCOLATE? (Ages 7+)

3–4pm | YDL-Superior

Get a chocolatier's experience by tempering chocolate with students from the University of Michigan's Material Science & Engineering Outreach team!

Jul 27

BUG HUNT

11am | Cherry Hill Nature Preserve

Go on a hike to catch bugs with sweep nets, examine them up close, and learn about their habits.

Aug 3

LATE SUMMER FORAGING - A FAMILY HIKE WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS

10am | Rolling Hills County Park

Join Washtenaw County Parks Naturalist Shawn Severance at Rolling Hills County Park. Learn about the many wild foods growing all around you and how to safely and sustainably forage for wild foods.

Aug 10

MOVIES IN THE PARK

8pm | Oakbrook Park

Play family kickball at 8pm, followed by a current family-friendly movie on a 20' screen starting at 9pm. Bring your picnic blankets, snacks, and coolers. No alcohol allowed.

Aug 17

WRITING LAB: JOURNALS AND HISTORY

11am–1pm | YDL-Michigan

Staff from EMU Archives and YDL will share tips on how journaling can help you practice your writing skills, how historical journals could give you ideas for stories you want to tell, and how your journals could one day become an item exhibited in a library for others to learn from!

Aug 17

SUMMER OF HeART CELEBRATION & ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH YOUTH ARTS ALLIANCE

2–5pm | YDL-Superior

Enjoy ice cream and celebrate Summer of HeART participants as they showcase their art, music, dance, and performance.

Aug 24

LIVE! HERE! NOW! POP-UP CONCERT

4–8pm | Fireman's Park

Enjoy family-friendly music, food, and games. In partnership with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Superior Township Parks & Recreation, YCS, and YDL.

Aug 30

CHEERFUL CHIMES

4–5pm | YDL-Michigan

Join us for a DIY wind chime workshop for caregivers and children grades 4 and up. Registration is required due to limited materials. For questions contact Mrivenbark@ypsilibrary.org.

Jun 12 & 26; Jul 10 & 24; Aug 7 & 21

SUN AND SPROUTS GARDENING

11am–12pm | YDL-Michigan

Join Library Gardener Stephanie to try new recipes using garden staples.

June: strawberries, radishes, peas, spinach, lettuces

July: flowers, cucumbers, beans, kale, herbs

August: tomatoes, carrots, peppers, melons, corn

Monday–Friday, Jun 17–Aug 16

LUNCH, LISTEN & LEARN MEET UP AND EAT UP (18 & under)

12:30–1:30pm | YDL-Superior (Ends Aug 16)

1–2pm | YDL Whittaker (Ends Aug 2)

12–1pm | YDL-Michigan (Aug 5–16)

Join us for lunch and a daily read-aloud, followed by hands-on learning activities. Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education and Food Gatherers. See Page 2 for more information.

Mondays, Jun 17–Jul 29

CREATIVE ARTS FOR KIDS (Ages 6–10)

2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn a variety of arts, from drawing to acting to miming, featuring a different guest instructor or performer every week.

Jun 17 - Draw with Young Rembrandts

Jun 24 - Draw with Kam Comics

Jul 8 - Kam Comics returns

Jul 15 - Music and drama with Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit

Jul 22 - Mime workshop with Michael Lee

Jul 29 - Dance with Christina Sears Etter

Jun 17–19 & Jul 1–3

HEALTHY HABITS START NOW

2–3pm | YDL-Superior

Healthy Habits Start Now (HHSN) is a health education program provided by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. Kids and families can join the program for a game-based physical activity lesson and a healthy food tasting.

Tuesdays, Jun 18–Jul 30

MOVEMENT AND MORE

2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Join Healthy Habits Start Now for Rec-Connect, weekly game-based physical activities, and recipe tastings. Learn how physical activity and nutrition work together to keep our bodies healthy and happy. *No class July 2. Instead, join Tammy Foote for yoga.*

Wednesdays, Jun 19–Jul 31

TWEEN SCENE

3–4pm | YDL-Whittaker

Afternoon gathering for kids ages 8–12 to get creative independently while parents and younger siblings enjoy the youth department or garden play areas.

Jun 19: Diamond Painting - Make and take a diamond art keychain.

Jun 26: Blind Bags - Make your own paper version of a "blind bag" and fill it with paper surprises.

Jul 3: Stepping Stones - Make and decorate your own mosaic stepping stone to take home.

Jul 10: Herbal Skin Care - Make sugar scrubs and salves with herbs from the garden and other natural ingredients.

Jul 17: Squeegee Painting - Make your own squeegee art using a variety of paints and papers.

Jul 24: Friendship Bracelets - Design and string friendship bracelets, including one that lights up, while listening to music and socializing.

Jul 31: Karaoke - Sing karaoke, eat snacks, and hang with friends as we celebrate the summer.



Jun 19; Jul 17; Aug 21

KIDS BOOK CLUB (Grades 3–5)

6:30–7:30pm | YDL-Whittaker*

Join us for a monthly discussion of a shared book and enjoy a snack. Registration required. Email mittchell@ypsilibrary.org.

Jun 19: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell

Jul 17: *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White

***Aug 21:** *Frindle* by Andrew Clements (at Michigan Ave)

Thursdays, Jun 20–Aug 1

STEM PLAY

2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Build STEM skills through fun, hands-on activities. Learn about a range of STEM topics from engineering and design to chemistry and coding. New themes each week.

Jun 20 - Summer Solstice: Make suncatchers, sundials, and shadow art.

Jun 27 - Spy Academy: Put your STEM skills to work as you make spy gear.

Jul 11 - Slime: Use household ingredients to make various types of slime to take home.

Jul 18 - Turning Tops and Beyblade Battles: Play with the physics and engineering principles behind spinning tops.

Jul 25 - Chocolate STEM: Learn how chocolate is made with Mindo Chocolate Makers—from fruit on a tree to chocolate treats—and explore taste science.

Aug 1 - Legos: Use our Lego Spike sets to build, then use an iPad to code your creation to move. A *Project STEM* @ YDL series sponsored by Toyota.



Fridays, Jun 21 - Aug 2

NATURE STEAM

2–3pm | YDL-Whittaker

Learn about gardening, birding, nature identification, water and erosion, sound, and more.

Jun 21 - Fête de la Musique Day! Make instruments and enjoy our garden sound wall.

Jun 28 - Decorate wings and crowns and make nature bracelets to wear home.

Jul 5 - Garden math: Practice weighing, measuring, comparing and tasting.

Jul 12 - Water Play: Play at a water table, experiment with erosion, and build a boat.

Come ready to get wet on a slip and slide!

Jul 19 - Nature identification and drawing with Doodles Academy

Jul 26 - Birding walk with Washtenaw Bird and Nature Alliance

Aug 2 - Field day! Play lawn games and celebrate the end of summer programs with cool treats.



Fridays, Jun 21–Aug 16; Wednesdays and Thursdays, Jun 26–Aug 15

SUMMER OF HeART WITH YOUTH ARTS ALLIANCE (Ages 5+)

2–5pm | YDL-Superior

Express yourself, make art, learn rhythms, and explore the world. All supplies and a snack provided. Made possible in part by the United Way of Southeast Michigan, the Barnes & Thornburg Racial and Social Justice Foundation, University of Michigan Center for World Performance Studies, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Washtenaw County. See Page 3 for details. ***No meetings July 3–5.**

Mondays, Jun 24–Aug 12

GARDEN-TO-TABLE

2–3pm | YDL-Superior

Use freshly picked produce from our Learning Garden to make tasty snacks and treats. This program series is designed for elementary and middle school-aged children. ***No meeting July 1.**

Tuesdays, Jun 25–Aug 13

SUPERIOR STEAM (Ages 6–12)

2–3pm | YDL-Superior

Learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with weekly programs.

Jun 25 - Flight

Jul 9 - Color Science

Jul 16 - Water Play

July 23 - Nature Scavenger Hunt

Jul 30 - Chain Reactions

Aug 6 - Loose Parts Play

Aug 13 - Astronomy

Part of Project STEM @ YDL sponsored by Toyota.

Jun 27; Jul 25; Aug 15

SAVVY SCIENCE KIDS' CLUB - SUMMER OF HeART (Ages 8+)

3–5pm | YDL-Superior

For kids who love to investigate and explore! Investigate the world around us using STEM techniques. See Page 3 for details.

Saturdays, Jul 13–Aug 17

DROP-IN WRITING FOR WEE-BOTS (Ages 5–8)

12–1pm | YDL-Whittaker

Each week we read a book aloud and pay attention to one special thing the writer does (like using rhyme to have an impact on the reader, or how the writer shows a character's feelings). Then, we work on activities inspired by that idea. Families will be asked to fill out a registration form on their student's first day. This form can also be completed in advance at 826michigan.org.

Aug 5, 10, & 22

“SEE TO BE” SUMMER WORKSHOP (Ages 8–12)

YDL-Superior

Join 826michigan for creative summer workshops!

Aug 5 (4:30pm): This Should Be an Olympic Sport! - Imagine new Olympic sports, from the silly to the serious.

Aug 10 (2pm): Hero's Journey (to the Olympics) - Write your story of Olympic triumph, from the silly to the serious.

Aug 22 (5pm): Dear Younger Me - Write advice to younger kids heading to school for the first time.

Stories and Fun for Little Ones

Fridays, Jun 21–Aug 2

OUTDOOR SENSORY STATIONS

11am–12pm | YDL-Whittaker

Enjoy outdoor sensory stations near the garden with your little one. We'll move inside if it rains.

Jun 21 - Mud Cafe: Make spring rolls, tiered cakes, muffins, and more with mud, flowers, and other natural objects.

Jun 28 - Sun Prints: Gather leaves, flowers, and other items on light-sensitive cyanotype paper and expose it under the sunlight to make a beautiful nature print.

Jul 5 - Sensory Hunt: Investigate nature with your five senses by completing a nature scavenger hunt in and around our garden.

Jul 12 - Nature Weaving: Use a variety of looms and found natural objects to weave, and paint sticks too!

Jul 19 - Cars, Trucks, and Dirt: Dig into muddy fun. Ramps, wheel painting, and a toy car wash.

Jul 26 - Terrariums: Create a world of your own! Find things in nature and use them to make a terrarium to take home.

Aug 2 - Nature Paints: Get your hands dirty with natural paints! Explore what happens when we cut up flowers and veggies or add water to different types of soil.



Jun 22

MUSIC AT THE BLISSFUL

11am–12pm | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Evan Haller—an award-winning, national touring children's musician from Boston—leads Music at the Blissful, a fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed music experience for the whole family.



Jun 29; Jul 20

STORYTIME AT THE POOL

1–2pm | [Rutherford Pool](#)

Hear stories and songs after Tot Splash at Rutherford Pool!



Jul 6 & Aug 10

MARKET STORYTIME

10am–12pm | [Depot Town Farmers Market](#)

Find us at the Ypsi Depot Town Farmer's Market for stories, songs, and play!

Jul 13; Aug 3

STORYTIME AT THE PARK

11am–12pm | [Ford Heritage Park](#)

Enjoy storytime outside, then play at the park! Drop in for stories, songs, and movement. Bring a blanket, spread out on the grass, build literacy skills, and have fun.

Jul 20

STORYTIME AND HOUSE MUSIC

11am–12pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Join us for storytime and dance to some high energy house music.

Mondays, Jul 29–Aug 26

LITTLE ONES STEM (Ages 5 & under)

10:30am–12pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Learn how STEM properties are an active part of early childhood and how to enhance STEM learning!

Aug 8

SWEET DREAMS STORYTIME

7–8pm | [YDL-Superior](#)

Wear your PJs or comfy clothes and join us as we read stories to calm, soothe, and get us in the mood for bedtime.

Aug 14

READING READINESS BOOK CLUB—READ WITH THE POLLINATORS

6:30–7:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

A family-oriented book club to showcase techniques for developing emergent readers in a low-pressure, supportive environment! Targeted for ages 3–6 years. Each family unit will leave with a set of early readers related to the book club's theme.



Aug 31

LITTLE ONES MESSY SENSORY STATIONS (Ages 5 & under)

11am–12:30pm | [YDL-Michigan](#)

Join us for a good old messy time using water, pieces of nature, and taste-safe ingredients! There will be stations for infants with taste-safe items such as herbs, fruits, and veggies, as well as experiments and reactions for older kiddos to try. Dress for mess.

Weekly Storytimes

MONDAYS

Mondays, Jun 17–Aug 5

JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN (Ages 4–6)

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learning is fun at Jumpstart Kindergarten! Find an engaging blend of activities and stories designed to help prepare preschoolers for school success, from scissor skills to STEM.

TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, Jun 18–Aug 6

BABY STORYTIME

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Superior](#)

Hear a book and learn fun songs during a short lap-sit storytime designed for pre-walkers. Stay to chat with other parents and caregivers while your little one plays.

Tuesdays, Jun 18–Aug 6

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn a variety of preschool-readiness skills—from ABCs to kindness—through music, parachute play, and books, followed by exploratory play.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, Jun 19–Aug 7

BABY TIME

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

See Tuesday description.

Wednesdays, Jun 19–Aug 7

READ, SING, PLAY (Walkers through age 3)

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Superior](#)

Little ones will learn colors, shapes, and numbers through music and movement. Each week we'll read a book and sing songs for 15-20 minutes, then let parents chat while kids play nearby for the rest of the hour.

THURSDAYS

Thursdays, Jun 20–Aug 8

DISCOVERY TIME (Ages 2–4)

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Superior](#)

See Tuesday description.

Thursdays, Jun 20–Aug 8

READ, SING, PLAY (Ages 1–3)

10:30–11:30am | [YDL-Whittaker](#)

See Wednesday description.

FRIDAYS

Fridays, Jun 21–Jul 26

BOOKMOBILE STORYTIME AT MICH AVE

3–4pm | [Bookmobile near the YDL-Michigan garden](#)

Kids of all ages are invited to this storytime hour on the Bookmobile outside of Michigan Avenue. Each week will feature a craft, sensory exploration, or music immersion related to the theme.

Tech Help

Register online or call 734-482-4110 x2411.

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP FOR SENIORS (55+)

[YDL-Whittaker](#) and [YDL-Superior](#)

Call 734-482-4110 x1384 or email brigitte@ypsilibrary.org to schedule a one hour in-person, phone, or virtual session at Whittaker. To schedule a session at Superior, call 734-482-4110 x2431 or email mgeiman@ypsilibrary.org.

Jun 1, 10:30am; Jul 11, 2pm

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS

Virtual

Learn to format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a document. A Google (or Gmail) account is required.

Jun 1, 2pm; Jul 9 & Aug 8, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD – BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

An introduction to word processing. Learn to enter, format, select, copy, paste, and edit text. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 5 & Aug 10, 10:30am

GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS

Virtual

Learn to enter and edit data, format cells, and create simple formulas. Also, learn to share and collaborate on a spreadsheet. A Google (or Gmail) account is required.

Jun 6, 7pm; Jul 2, 2pm

GOOGLE CALENDAR - BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn the basics for setting up your Google Calendar to schedule and manage your events and appointments, share event information, and send notifications/reminders to your devices. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills are required.

Jun 11, 6:30pm; Jul 13, 10:30am; Aug 14, 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL – BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

A basic introduction to spreadsheets. Learn to enter and edit data, select cell ranges, format cells, use the fill handle, and create simple formulas. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 12 & Aug 17, 10:30am

GOOGLE SHEETS TIPS & TRICKS

Virtual

Explore more advanced features of Google Sheets like using formulas; conditional functions and formatting; sorting, filtering and linking data; and defining a print area. A Google (or Gmail) account and prior Google Sheets experience required.

Jun 13, 2pm; Jul 10, 10:30am

FROM BOOMERS TO ZOOMERS: ZOOM PRACTICE FOR SENIORS (55+)

Virtual

Learn the basics of navigating the Zoom meeting interface. While working with other seniors, you can see yourself on camera, test your microphone, learn to chat, and more.

Jun 15, 10:30am; Jul 18, 2pm

GOOGLE DOCS TIPS & TRICKS

Virtual

Explore more advanced features of Google Docs: headers and footers, tabs and indents, inserting breaks (page, section, and column), finding and replacing text, and voice typing. A Google (or Gmail) account and prior Google Docs experience required.

Jun 15, 2pm; Jul 16 & Aug 15, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD – INTERMEDIATE

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn to create and format tables, insert images, create bulleted and numbered lists, and insert tabs. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 18, 6:30pm; Jul 27, 10:30am; Aug 21, 2pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL – INTERMEDIATE

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

In this intermediate class, learn to apply functions, filter data, create charts, and print worksheets. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 20, 2pm; Jul 17, 10:30am

HOW TO HOST A ZOOM MEETING

Virtual

Join us to learn the basics for hosting a Zoom meeting from start to finish. Topics include: Scheduling, securing, and starting your meeting, inviting participants, using host controls, Zoom etiquette, and basic troubleshooting.

Jun 20, 6:30pm; Aug 17, 2pm

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER – BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn the basics for creating greeting cards, flyers, and calendars including page layout and formatting text and images. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 25, 7pm; Jul 27, 2pm

GOOGLE DRIVE - BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

With a Google account, Google Drive provides access to free web-based applications for creating documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more. Learn how to navigate Google Drive's interface. You will learn how to create, store, organize, access, and share your files/folders online. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are required for hands-on training.

Jun 26, 10:30am; Jul 23, 2pm

GOOGLE SLIDES FOR BEGINNERS

Virtual

Learn to create and deliver a presentation and add graphics and multimedia. Also learn to share and collaborate on a presentation. A Google (or Gmail) account is required.

Jun 27, 6:30pm; Jul 13, 2pm

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT – BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn how to create and add graphics and multimedia to a presentation. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jun 29, 10:30am; Jul 30, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT EXCEL – PIVOT TABLES (Intermediate)

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn how to perform simple data analysis using Excel's PivotTable feature. Reorganize and summarize selected columns and rows of data in a spreadsheet to extract desired information. Participants should have basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills and an understanding of creating formulas and how cells are referenced within Excel.

Jun 29, 2pm; Jul 23 & Aug 22, 6:30pm

MICROSOFT WORD – TIPS, TRICKS, AND HACKS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Think you know everything about Microsoft Word? Learn a few tips, hidden tricks, and time-saving hacks to get the most out of this word processing program. Learn to modify page numbers, recover a corrupted file, add screenshots, reduce eye strain, use the Go To command, change ribbon tab order, and more.

Jul 18, 7pm; Aug 14, 10:30am

COMPUTER BASICS - GETTING STARTED

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn the parts and proper use of the computer and Windows basics, including opening/closing applications and managing files/folders. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jul 24, 2pm; Aug 13, 6:30pm

GMAIL - BASICS

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

Learn how to send and retrieve messages, add attachments, create and manage labels and filters, add contacts, and manage junk email. Participants may sign up for a Gmail account at the end of class. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

Jul 25, 7pm; Aug 21, 10:30am

INTERNET BASICS - HOW TO SEARCH THE WEB

[YDL-Whittaker](#)

This class covers the browser toolbar and menu options, managing your favorite websites, and using search tools and techniques. Basic PC, keyboard, and mouse skills required.

YPSI STORIES EPISODE 23

Episode 23 of Ypsi Stories is available wherever you get your podcasts! This episode is a discussion with three of the coordinators of the Ypsi Farmers & Gardeners Oral History Project, which launched on YDL's website in December 2023. Hear from Dr. Finn Bell, Omer Jean Winborn, and Briana Hurt about why it is so important to share the stories of Ypsilanti's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and/or working class food growers. You can hear all of the podcast episodes at ypsilibrary.org/ypsistories.

Keep an eye out for Episode 24, where we'll have a conversation with historian and Circulation Clerk Emeritus from the Michigan Avenue library Jerome Drummond about the culture and institutions related to death and dying in 19th century Ypsilanti.



LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS SUMMER READING TIPS

Summer reading is essential for children's literacy development and helps prevent the “summer slide,” where students can lose up to two months of reading progress without consistent homework and practice in school. Here are things parents and caregivers can do to include reading in their children's summer routine:



OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF READING MATERIALS: Give children access to a variety of genres and formats, including ebooks, audiobooks, comics, and traditional print. Allowing them to choose what they read fosters independence and helps develop a genuine love of reading.

SET A FAMILY READING TIME: Designate a daily quiet time for everyone in the family to read. This not only sets a routine but also shows children that reading is a valued family activity.

CREATE A SUMMER READING LIST TOGETHER: Work with your child to create a personalized reading list. Including books that match their interests and reading level increases engagement and the likelihood that they'll enjoy reading.

DISCUSS WHAT YOU READ: Encourage discussions about books during meal times or family gatherings. Asking questions about the stories and characters helps improve comprehension and makes reading a shared experience.

By incorporating these strategies, parents can ensure that their children not only maintain their reading skills over the summer, but also cultivate a lifelong passion for reading.

June 18 & August 6

SUMMER READING IN THE PARK
(PreK–5th Grade)
6:00 - 7:00 pm | Splitter Park
(next to Lincoln Middle School)
Guest readers, crafts, snacks & a free book to take home!

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INTRODUCES MAGNET SCHOOLS

Starting this fall, Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS) has new education opportunities for students.

In a move aimed at transforming education and fostering innovation, Ypsilanti Community Schools has unveiled four magnet schools in the district. These are designed to provide specialized learning experiences centered around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education and the globally recognized International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

“We are so excited to offer these opportunities for our scholars. The magnet themes provide a K–12 pathway to success,” said Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross, YCS Superintendent of Schools.

YCS received a \$15 million grant from the US Department of Education’s Magnet School Assistance Program to start this initiative. The five-year grant helps implement magnet school programs that promote diversity and academic excellence.

The magnet theme will roll out at the following schools:

- **Ford STEAM Early Learning Center:** Catering to the youngest learners, Ford ELC will offer a nurturing environment where children can explore the foundations of STEAM education through hands-on learning experiences.
- **Holmes STEAM Elementary School:** Holmes Elementary will continue the STEAM-focused journey, providing elementary students with engaging and interactive learning opportunities.

- **Ypsilanti Community Middle School:** Serving as a bridge between elementary and high school, YCMS will offer a comprehensive STEAM and IB program tailored to the unique needs of adolescent learners.
- **Ypsilanti Community High School:** As the pinnacle of the YCS magnet school system, YCHS will add the rigorous IB curriculum to its current STEM and Career Technical Education (CTE) course offerings.

The addition of these magnet schools allows YCS to provide a seamless continuum of STEAM and IB education from early childhood through high school. Applications for enrollment in YCS Magnet Schools for the 2024–2025 school year are now open and available at www.ycschools.us.

TALK HAS A NEW HOME

TALK has left the nest, but you can still expect the same access and services.

As YDL’s National Leadership grant period concludes, the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) will manage TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten going forward. YDL will continue to offer TALK and encourages caregivers of young children in our service area to sign up.

YDL launched the program in 2017 with the help of many local partners that provided ideas and helped spread the word. Working with the Library of Michigan and MCLS expanded the program to libraries across the state and into Indiana. Now, any library in the US can subscribe to TALK to provide activity suggestions to busy parents who may not have time for storytime.

“Thank you to everyone in our community who supported this project and helped it grow from an idea to a nationally available service for libraries,” Youth Services Manager Jodi Krahnke said.

People who sign up for TALK receive two to three messages per week with activities that help with kindergarten readiness, including notifications about library events. Text the word TALK to 75547 and follow the prompts or visit TextandLearn.org

and fill out the online form. If you’re a school or service provider and want to help get the word out, email jodi@ypsilibrary.org.



STUDENTS HAVE STORIES PUBLISHED BY PARAMOUNT

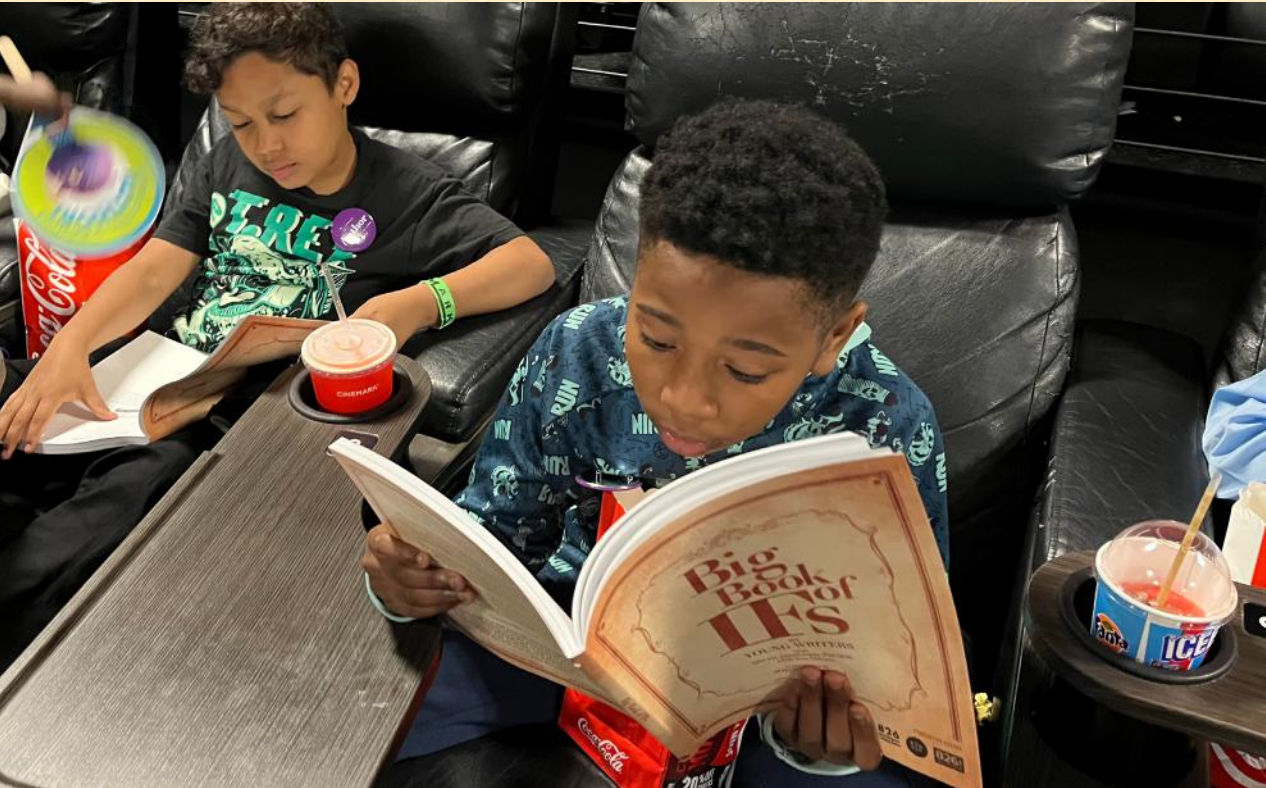


Image provided by 826michigan

As a way of amplifying student voices, 826michigan has a tradition of publishing student writing in books, which are then sold to fund programming. It’s not often, though, that student stories are published by a movie studio.

Young authors from Jennifer Gray's fourth-grade classroom at Holmes Elementary can now make that claim! Students participated in an 826michigan workshop where they explored what makes an “imaginary friend” and created their own on paper.

Paramount Pictures, as part of their promotion of the new movie *IF*—which stands for Imaginary Friend—published the 826michigan stories alongside stories from students at 826CHI in

Chicago and 826 MSP in Minneapolis. They also treated the students to a book launch party with student readings and a special preview screening of the new movie, written and directed by John Krasinski.

“When we had the opportunity to give these fourth graders from Holmes Elementary a national platform for their words . . . we were over the moon,” said 826michigan Executive Director Megan Shuchman. “We’ve published many books over the last twenty years, but this is the first time we’ve published one in partnership with a movie studio!”

You can purchase copies of the book at 826michigan.org and find copies to check out later this summer at YDL.

NEW YPSILANTI YOUTH POET LAUREATE WANTS TO MAKE HER MARK

Ruth Mella is Ypsilanti’s first Youth Poet Laureate, and she’s hitting the ground running.



Since winning the inaugural Ypsilanti Youth Poet Laureate Contest in April, Mella was introduced at a May City Council Meeting, and will perform with other young poets at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse on June 9 from 6–8pm.

“Initially serving as a coping mechanism, [expressive writing] gradually transformed into a means of defining my creative vision and articulating my experiences,” Mella said. “It’s a true honor for me to be recognized as the Poet Laureate, providing me with a platform to express my intelligence and creativity through my writing.”

Originally from the Bronx in New York, Mella’s family relocated to Ypsilanti when she was 3, and she has since formed a deep connection with the community.

Along with the title of Ypsilanti Youth Poet Laureate, Mella will receive \$500 cash for herself and \$500 for a social justice poetry project. She will also meet regional residents to promote poetry, spoken word, and literary arts; perform at city events; and publish her poetry in a book at the end of the year.

“I utilize my written words as a catalyst for positive change,” Mella said. “By shedding light on injustices, empowering individuals, and fostering empathy and understanding, I hope to leave a lasting impact that contributes to a brighter and more inclusive future for all.”

This new program flourished in a partnership between the Ypsilanti Arts Commission, YDL, and Urban Word NYC. It aimed to identify young writers and leaders committed to civic and community engagement, poetry and performance, social justice, radical inclusion, and education throughout the area.



Images generated by AI based on descriptions.

IFs the 4th-graders created

Austin Lewis– “AJ”

He has brown skin. I found him under my bed because he kept kicking my bed frame. My IF is funny and has super strength and can fly. His favorite food is pizza and he likes to play with me and jump on my bed. He’s like a big brother to me.

Gavin Copas– “Flame”

Flame is joyful, full of energy, kind, and funny. He likes pepperoni pizza and spends his day eating two bags of Dynamite Takis with tacos. He lives in the center of a volcano inside the Earth’s core. The only thing Flame wants is love.

Ky’Rese Toles– “KJ”

I found him stuffed in a pile of pillows. Now, he lives under my bed and he spends his days working out, vlogging, and playing Fortnite and Call of Duty on the PlayStation. KJ teaches people about technology and people are amazed by his talent.

Kailyn Mitchell– “Alex”

When Alex presses the star on her forehead lightly, she turns into a werewolf. When she turns into a werewolf, she’s really big and I can ride around on her back. Alex is feisty, but she helps me when I am sad because she hides in my Squishmallow and comforts me. Alex is scared of nothing, other than spiders, like me.

Donald Whitsell– “Freddy”

Freddy and I met while I was riding my bike and Freddy was running around with his super speed. I asked him, “What’s up?” and he followed me home. Now, he lives under my bed, but it’s annoying when he snores in the middle of night. He also knocks over the sugar in the pantry sometimes.

Makayla Ginyard– “Jessica”

We met last year when we were playing magnet tiles together at school. Jessica is a human with brown skin, red box braids, and red French-tip nails. She wears a red jacket with butterflies on it, Jordans, ripped skinny jeans, blue socks, and a necklace that says “Jessica” and has the number three on the back. Her bag and hair band are also red and she has an iPhone, iPad, and lip gloss. I really like her style.

Jessica likes to play at the park, have dance battles, and play Roblox. She is a Girl Scout and sells homemade cookies on the weekend. Jessica is afraid of spiders, the dark, heights, rats, roaches, bees, and worms. More than anything in the world, she wants to become an actor and learn different languages.

NEW PATRON EXPERIENCE ON THE HORIZON

Get ready for a smoother online patron experience at YDL! In late August, YDL will migrate to a new library catalog that offers robust new features.

The new system, called Vega Discover, will have improved search functionality—like recognizing “2, Two, Too, and To” as equally good search terms. In addition, the new system will group the same

creative work together under one record, with formats divided by tabs—no more scrolling through 20 items to find the format you want!

Library patrons will still be able to save their checkout history if desired, create lists, and utilize all the features you have come to rely on with the YDL app.

When signed into your library account, many additional YDL offerings, such as meeting room reservations and program registrations, will be seamlessly integrated.

As part of the transition, you can expect introductory videos, as well as in-person training classes, to help you get the most out of the new system.

As with any system migration, there will be times when the catalog is unavailable. Check ypsilibrary.org for updates on the planned outages. We plan to have everything ready for action August 22.

“We cannot wait to introduce you to Vega Discover,” said YDL Assistant Director Julianne Smith. “We know you will love the change!”

NEW CONCRETE WORK AT WHITTAKER – PARDON OUR DUST!



The Whittaker Road library’s pavement reconstruction schedule continues this August with the replacement of the front sidewalk. Over the 20+ years since the library opened, the concrete has suffered the ill effects of our area’s high water table. As regular visitors know, it’s been patched and leveled over and over, but the band-aid treatments are no longer sufficient. The Library Board has awarded KAB Enterprises a contract to remove, reinforce, and replace the existing sidewalk.

The entire sidewalk project should take about a month. To minimize disruption to YDL patrons, it will be performed in two phases, first from one side of the parking area, then the other, but the front door will remain accessible throughout. Weather permitting, reconstruction of the first half of the sidewalk will begin August 12. Approximately two weeks later, the second half will commence. By mid-September the entry to the library will be restored: safe, level, lovely, and built to last!

ARE YOU TOO HOT IN YOUR HOME IN THE SUMMER?



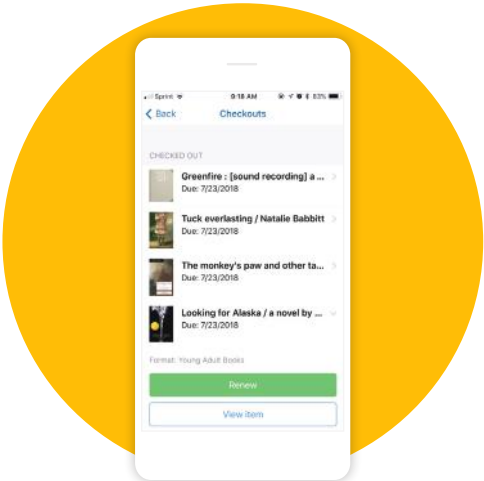
The Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development is offering FREE weatherization services to county homeowners and renters. The program aims to help residents lower their utility bills through home improvements.

GET HELP WITH:

- ▶ Energy audits to help decide what work needs to be done
- ▶ Insulation, ventilation, furnace replacements, and HVAC safety checks
- ▶ Air sealing and weatherstripping

To qualify, you must have a pre-tax income of 80% or less of the HUD Area Median Income. You automatically qualify for the program if a member of the household has received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or cash benefits through the Family Independence Program (FIP) within three months of application.

To apply, visit washtenaw.org/weatherization or call 734-544-3008 with any questions.



The YDL App is Back!
Thanks for your patience.

MY FUTURE FUND: INVESTING IN STUDENTS' SUCCESS



More than 16,000 students have received free money for their college and career savings accounts during the first year of My Future Fund, and organizers hope to set aside close to \$1M by the end of the summer.

“Many families are surprised when they hear we are really giving free money out so their children can follow their dreams after high school,” said Sara Saylor, coordinator for the My Future Fund program. “We want families to know that big dreams can come true by starting small today.”

Operated by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District in collaboration with the Washtenaw County Government, My Future Fund opens free savings accounts for future college and career training expenses.

Most 1st–6th grade students in Washtenaw County public schools automatically receive My Future Fund accounts with \$25 thanks to participation by their school district or academy. Some students may qualify for an extra \$475 based on their family income.

“I was surprised by how easy it was to see if my child was eligible for \$500, and I hope more families take advantage of it,” shared one Lincoln

Consolidated Schools elementary parent. “All I had to do was check the box and I got \$1,000 for my two kids.”

Over 2,300 students have unlocked the full benefits of the My Future Fund program by submitting their Release of Information form, and nearly half of those students received an extra \$475 deposit. To check your eligibility, submit the form at www.myfuturefund.org.



TUITION FOR IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS AT WCC WILL REMAIN FROZEN FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition for in-district Washtenaw Community College students will remain unchanged for the next academic year, with modest increases for students in other categories.

The WCC Board of Trustees recently unanimously approved a tuition freeze at \$99 per credit for on-campus courses and \$112 per credit for distance learning for in-district students who live, work, or own property in Washtenaw County.

Tuition and fee rates at WCC continue to be among the lowest for Michigan community colleges with the total cost for WCC students consistently ranking in the lowest quartile.

“Affordability is key in our commitment to making college accessible for all. We are thankful to be able to offer this tuition freeze, which is in large part due to the community’s generous support of the college,” said WCC President Dr. Rose B. Bellanca.

Based on a 15-credit hour semester, tuition for a full semester for in-district students enrolled in classes on campus will be \$1,485. Full-time

students typically take 12–15 credit hours each semester.

Board Treasurer David DeVarti thanked Washtenaw County taxpayers.

“We maintained our tuition at the rate of \$99 a credit hour—same as it was last year—and we’re

able to do that because of the generosity of the taxpayers of the community. I’m proud we’re able to deliver a top-notch education at a low cost for community members of the county,” DeVarti said.

Visit wccnet.edu to review the complete chart of 2024–2025 tuition rates.



FIREMAN'S PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Superior Township Parks & Recreation is thrilled to announce that the improvements to Fireman’s Park in Superior Township are finally complete. Fireman’s Park is located at 8795 MacArthur Boulevard. The long-awaited improvements include a two-story tall playstructure designed for 5–12 year olds, reconfiguration of the existing equipment to provide a dedicated playstructure for 2–5 year olds, and fencing between the play area and the road to increase safety. The Township also installed a 1/5-mile walking track and five pieces of adult fitness equipment to provide opportunities for residents to improve their health. To top it off, there will also be a new picnic pavilion with grills and tables. The Parks & Recreation Department hopes you are able to get outside and enjoy it!



FRIENDS OF YDL RECEIVE \$400 HARRIET LARSON FOUNDERS GRANT



Patty Gensemer Stein, Friends of YDL Vice President, with the book truck at YDL-Superior

When the flood at the Michigan Avenue branch forced a shut-down, the Friends of YDL went into action. Knowing that the closure affected not only library patrons, but also library fundraising opportunities, Friends Vice President Patty Gensemer Stein applied for the Harriet Larson Founders Grant from the Friends of Michigan Libraries.

“The flood at your historic library sounded horrific and we hope this grant helps out with the purchase of a book cart so you can get your Friends group back up and running,” FOML President Sue Johnson wrote.

The book carts allow patrons to purchase used books at the Superior and Michigan Avenue branches, in addition to the Book Shop at YDL-Whittaker. Curated and maintained by volunteers, the items for sale on the book carts generate nearly \$500 in yearly sales, helping fund popular YDL programs and events such as Kinderconcerts, exhibits, Summer Challenge books for children, and more. The new silver book truck will complement the new interior color scheme at YDL-Michigan.

Want to be a Friend of YDL? Visit ypsilibrary.org/friends-of-ydl. Effective June 1, the Friends Book Shop will have new, standardized hours. See below for the new schedule.

NEW BOOK SHOP HOURS

Mon–Thu	10am–6pm
Fri/Sat	10am–4pm
Sun	2–4pm

FREE RIDE WEEKENDS ARE BACK WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

This summer, enjoy free rides on TheRide every Saturday and Sunday with your YDL card! As part of the Summer Challenge (see Page 2), free weekend rides are available June 15–August 25. Just show your YDL (or AADL) card to the driver.

You can use the opportunity to try the Washtenaw Express Route that launched in May. This limited-stop route is a faster, more convenient way to connect Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. The service, with fewer stops along Washtenaw, runs Monday-Friday from 6am–6:45pm.

More improvements from TheRide

TheRide is also reviewing community feedback about improvements to the Ypsilanti Transit Center. At the end of August, TheRide will be implementing improvements to service as part of the Long-Range Plan and approved millage that goes into effect in August 2024.



The improvements include increased frequency of service, longer hours of service, and expanded holiday and night service to the city of Ypsilanti and all of Ypsilanti Township north of Textile Road.

You can stay up to date on route and schedule information with TheRide’s RideGuide. In addition to buses and at the transit centers, copies are available at all YDL locations. To stay up to date on everything happening at TheRide, visit TheRide.org.

WRITERS OF YPSILANTI NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

YpsiWrites turns 5 in October and will celebrate with the next Writers of Ypsilanti nominees! Through June 30, nominate someone with strong ties to the Ypsilanti community to be featured as one of this year's esteemed Writers of Ypsilanti.

Writers of Ypsilanti demonstrate why writing matters. They may be published or unpublished writers of any age or genre. The theme for this year is “Writing Our Stories” with a focus on writers who share their own stories in their work.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/WritersofYpsi2024> to learn more and submit your nomination.

Honorees benefit from increased exposure for their writing as well as opportunities to collaborate with YpsiWrites and its engaged community of writers. YpsiWrites will select up to 10 writers to showcase for the upcoming year. The writers and their work will be featured at ypsiwrites.com.

Other ways to connect with YpsiWrites

VIRTUAL FEEDBACK

Submit your writing online and a volunteer will provide comments and suggestions via email. Submissions of up to ten double-spaced pages are typically returned within one week.

DROP-IN WRITING SUPPORT

No appointments necessary! Sessions typically occur at one of YDL’s branches or via Zoom. To submit your writing or view the schedule for drop-in sessions, visit ypsiwrites.com/writing-support.

All forms of writing can be reviewed and discussed—resumes, college essays, cover letters, fiction chapters, poetry, and more.

WWW.YPSILIBRARY.ORG

LOCATIONS & HOURS

YDL-WHITTAKER

5577 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS
Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm
Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm
Sun: 1–5pm

YDL-MICHIGAN

REOPENING EARLY AUGUST
229 W. Michigan Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Visit ypsilibrary.org/michigan-avenue-branch-closure for more information and updates.

YDL-SUPERIOR

1900 Harris Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

HOURS
Mon-Thurs: 9am–9pm
Fri and Sat: 10am–6pm

YDL-BOOKMOBILE

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

HOURS
Mon–Thurs: 4–8pm
Fri: 1–5pm (outside YDL-Michigan)

Neighborhood route and schedule: ypsilibrary.org/bookmobile

Board meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. They are open to the public. Visit ypsilibrary.org/board for meeting schedules, locations, agendas, and minutes.

Visit ypsilibrary.org/contact-us or call 734-482-4110

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